

March 16, 2009

Government Administrations and Elections Committee
Room 2200, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Testimony of Joseph Brian Bonner in Opposition of HB-6375

Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Joseph Brian Bonner. I reside at 774 Old Colchester Road, Uncasville, CT. I am a licensed E1 electrical contractor in the State of Connecticut. I own BONNER ELECTRIC, INC. of Uncasville, which employs 30 electricians and support staff, and I am a member of the Board of Directors for the Independent Electrical Contractors of New England. I am opposed to HB-6375 as currently written.

Though there are several important public safety committees and boards that this legislation eliminates, my primary opposition to this bill is the elimination of the State Electrical Work Examining Board. This Board provides essential oversight of the electrical industry to maintain the safety of the citizens, consumers and properties of our state. Elimination of this Board and or transferring the responsibilities of this Board to another entity would be a grave injustice to the Connecticut electrical contracting industry, setting our industry back twenty or thirty years of progress.

Please consider the negative impact to public safety that this bill will have and I ask that you oppose this bill as currently written. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JBB', with a horizontal line extending from the end.

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